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(C) On December 26, poloff delivered reftel message, regarding USG support for the Republic of Korea's application for full membership in the United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), to Huh Tae-won, Director of MOFAT's Latin American and Caribbean Regional Cooperation Division. Huh expressed appreciation for the welcome news of USG support. The message was timely because MOFAT Director-General for Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Han Byung-kil, intended to visit Uruguay, Guyana, Surinam, Venezuela, and Chile in January 2007 to campaign for ROK membership in ECLAC. In February, DG Han also plans to visit European ECLAC members Spain, Germany, and Italy to stress that Seoul wants to join ECLAC to improve ROK economic relations with Latin America.
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